

REMARKS

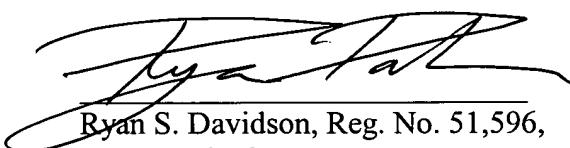
The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication at page 2 of the Office Action that the application would be in condition for allowance if not for the presence of claims 1-13 as they are drawn to an invention non-elected with traverse. In view of the Examiner's remarks, claims 1-13 have been canceled. It therefore is respectfully submitted that the present application now is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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